

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Office for the indication that claims 7-16 would be allowable if 35 USC §112, second paragraph rejections were addressed with respect to these claims. To this end, Applicant has amended the application to place all pending claims into condition for allowance.

More particularly, claims 1-69 were originally pending. Claims 7, 9-11, 15, and 16 were amended to address the 35 USC §112, second paragraph rejections directed to claims 7-16, and more particularly point out the subject matter of the invention; not to overcome any cited reference. Claims 1-6 and 17-69, of which certain ones were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) and/or 35 USC §103(a), were canceled without prejudice. Additionally, and in view of the admitted allowable subject matter of claims 7-16, claims 70-89 were added. Claims 70-89 are directed to a computing device and a method comprising the features of claims 7-16, which the Office has already indicated are allowable.

Accordingly, pending claims 7-16 and 70-89 are in condition for allowance.

35 USC §112, Second Paragraph Rejections

Claims 11-37, 40, 45, 48, 53, 56, 61, 64, and 69 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1-6 and 17-69 have been canceled. Claims 7, 9-11, 15 and 16 have been amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention, and not to overcome any cited reference. These amendments do not affect the scope of the claimed subject matter. More particularly, the phrase "keyboard-like" has

1 been amended to "keyboard", and the phrase "mouse-like" has been amended to
2 "mouse". Thus, claims 7, 9-11, 15 and 16 are in condition for allowance.

3 Claims 8 and 12-14 do not include any "-like" phraseology. Claims 12-14
4 depend from claim 7, which for the reasons presented above, is in condition for
5 allowance. Thus, claims 8 and 12-14 are also in condition for allowance.

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7 **New Claims**

8 Claims 70-89 were added. Claims 70-89 are directed to computing device
9 and a methodology of the features of claims 7-16—features that the Office has
10 already indicated are allowable. Thus, the addition of claims 70-89 does not
11 necessitate a new search or further evaluation from the Office, and it is
12 respectfully submitted, that pending claims 7-16 and 70-89 are also in condition
13 for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

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15 **Conclusion**

16 Claims 7-16 and 70-89 are in condition for allowance and action to that end
17 is respectfully requested. Should any issue remain that prevents allowance of the
18 application, the Office is encouraged to contact the undersigned prior or issuance
19 of a subsequent Office action.

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21 Respectfully Submitted,

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